

Lesson Plan Review

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Example

Background Information

Lesson Title:	Identifying the 'sh' sound in the initial position of words	Lesson URL:	http://www.lessonplanspage.com/LATheBeginningSHsound2.htm
Grade Level:	2	Subject Area:	Language Arts
PA Standards Addressed:	Not mentioned		
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Dimensions	Rating 0 1 2 3 4 5 6	Suggestions for Improvement
Validity	5	This lesson comes from hotchalk.com, which seems to be a valid website aimed at teachers, schools, parents, and students. The website has good reviews on the Internet and is in partner with companies such as NBC and National Geographic.
Reliability	4	The objectives were clearly written and measurable. The instruction portion of the lesson also seems well thought-out and uses effective techniques such as relating pictures to words.
Authenticity	3	The lesson comes from a seemingly reputable website, there are no credentials given about the author. It gives her name and email, but it does not state that she is a teacher or a student studying teaching. Although it does seem she has knowledge of teaching strategies. The website was last updated on April 29, 2010.
Challenge	2	I do not think this lesson is very challenging for students in second grade. The challenge may be appropriate for first grade. To add challenge one could ask students to come up with their own words that begin with 'sh', or cover the first two letters and have the students figure out the beginning sound each word is missing.
Clarity of Task and Assessment Criteria	3	The tasks are very clearly explained with step-by-step directions. There is no assessment given. An assessment could be to write a story using at least 3 words that begin with 'sh' and draw a picture underneath, or to name 5 places that you can find things that begin with 'sh' in.

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Important Content	5	I think initial sounds are considered important content and this lesson plan does a good job of emphasizing this.
Feasibility	5	I think this lesson plan is definitely feasible in a classroom, although more of a challenge may need to be added. The lesson could be used as a short lesson, or extended for a longer one.
High Level Processes	2	High-level processes are scarcely used in this lesson plan. The only time these processes are used is during the short discussion about each picture in the beginning of the lesson and when asking students to use the word in a sentence. High level processes can be added in an assessment such as using words beginning with 'sh' in a story or trying to guess the beginning sound that is covered, or comparing 'sh' to the beginning sound 'th'.
Differentiation	5	I think this lesson lends itself very well to differentiation among learning styles and modalities. There are a variety of activities done with the words that would be beneficial to most learning styles and abilities.
Technology Use	0	There is no technology use provided in the lesson. Technology could be incorporated by having the students watch a video on the correct pronunciation of the beginning 'sh' sound or by playing a game involving the sounds on the Internet.